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Pres. McKinley:

Dear Sir

Excuse me for addressing you, concerning the Constitution of the U.S. and being of a female sex. It is a Resolution of mine concerning the lynching of the Negroes in Wilmington N.C. and hope it will be approved by you and also a Title of Nobelty granted by you and with consent of Congress we have resolved to organize a Military. I am quite young and have never experienced but two nominations of Presidents Cleveland and yourself McKinley not knowing much of politics but for my judgement I do not think we could find a man of more noblety to wear the hat of Union. I esteem you of such power to impress upon Congress protection for our negroes in South which is stated in the Constitution of the U.S. in Section 3<sup>rd</sup> he shall from time to time give to Congress information of the State of the Union and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient. The U.S. shall guarantee to every state in this Union a Republican form of government and shall protect each of them against invasion.

Sec. 151 The rights of citizens of U.S. to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the U.S. or by any state on account of race, color, or previous condition or servitude. Section 5 – Congress shall have power to enforce by appropriate a legislation.

Trusting in God and following the preamble and specification know as the Decoration of Independence accompanied the resolution of Richard Henry Lee which was adopted by Congress 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July 1776 and this declarition was agreed to on the 4<sup>th</sup>. And the transaction is thus recorded in the journal for that day.

Section 6. In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial By an impartial jury of the State and District where in the crime shall have been committed.

Our people are abridged of such laws in the southern states by the Democratic party. As I noticed in one of our daily papers that one of our leading white ladies in the Southern states stated Lynch them if it is 50 a day which has not been disapproved by the United States. I being a Southerner myself I know something about the equal rights of them. Neither slavary nor involuntary servitude except as a punishment for crime whereof the person shall have been duly convicted shall exist within the U.S. or any place subject to their jurisdiction Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation. We are naturalized in the U.S. and subject to the jurisdiction thereof are citizens of the U. States and the states where in they reside

No state shall make or inforce no law which shall abridge the privilages or immunities of the citizens of the U.S. nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or equal rights without due process of law or deny to any person within its jurisdiction on the equal protections of the Laws I hope you will being the President of the U.S. take my resolution into consideration to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them to

It becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with another. We hold these truths to be self evident as all men are created equal that they are endowed by their creator by certain enailable rights. I hope you will give this your strict attention and I will look for a speedy answer concerning our Negroes in the Southern States. The